

# Cattle and Calves

On January 1, 2002, Utah cattlemen had a total of 920,000 cattle and calves on farms and ranches, 10,000 head more than the number on hand January 1, 2001. Beef cows, at 357,000 head, had 2,000 more head than January 1, 2001. Milk cows, at 93,000 head, had 2,000 less head than January 1, 2001. Beef cow replacement heifers weighing 500 pounds or more were estimated at 75,000 head, the same as the January 1, 2001 number. Milk cow replacements totaled 44,000 head, 2,000 head less than January 1, 2001. Other heifers, at 71,000 head, increased 2,000 head from the previous year's level. Steers 500 pounds and over totaled 126,000 head, 4,000 more than January 1, 2001. Bulls, at 24,000 head, increased 1,000 head from the 2001 level. Calves weighing less than 500 pounds were estimated at 130,000 head, 5,000 head less than the January 1, 2001 level.

Utah's 2001 calf crop totaled 400,000 head, the same as 2000.

Cattle and calves on full feed for slaughter totaled 25,000 head January 1, 2002, a decrease of 10,000 head from January 1, 2001.

Value per head of all cattle and calves averaged \$770.00 on January 1, 2002 compared with \$720.00 per head on January 1, 2001. Total inventory was

valued at \$708.4 million, up 8.1 percent from 2001.

Utah operations with cattle and calves in 2001 totaled 8,000, the same as in 2000. The breakdown by size group was as follows: 4,600 operations with 1 to 49 head; 1,200 with 50 to 99 head; 1,800 with 100 to 499 head; 270 with 500 to 999 head; and 130 with 1,000 head or more.

Operations with more than 500 head accounted for 42 percent of the Utah cattle inventory while those with 100 to 499 head accounted for 41 percent of the total inventory.

Beef production during 2001 totaled 397.2 million pounds, down 1.3 percent from the previous year. Marketings during 2001 totaled 475.6 million pounds, down 0.3 percent from 2000.

Cash receipts for 2001 totaled \$374.5 million, up 6.7 percent from the previous year. Price of all cattle averaged \$76.60 per hundredweight (cwt), up \$5.30 from 2000. The 2001 average slaughter cow price, at \$40.80 per cwt compares with \$38.60 in 2000. The 2001 steer and heifer price at \$79.30 per cwt was \$5.50 more than 2000. The average price for calves less than 500 pounds during 2001 was \$104.00 per cwt, up \$5.10 from 2000.

